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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, December 9, 2005 4 p.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Friday, December 9, 2005 9 a.m.  
Nature of Event: Bomb threats, suspicious package  
Location of Call: Auburn

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Several apparently unrelated incidents involving bomb threats and a suspicious package kept the Placer County Sheriff's Department busy Friday.

At 9 a.m., a woman called Placer County offices and threatened to blow up the jail courtroom.

At 10:30 a.m., a man dressed in a black suit and tie entered the Kmart store in north Auburn and acted suspiciously according to one employee. He put a leather briefcase on the customer service counter and asked the clerk if she'd keep it for an hour until he returned. She said yes. He then left the store.

After the employee reported the incident to the store manager, the briefcase was carried out of the store and the Sheriff's Department was called. A bomb expert from the FBI's Sacramento office also responded to the scene. The store and several adjoining businesses were evacuated. The sheriff's Explosives Ordnance Detail, utilizing the bomb robot, lifted the briefcase into a bomb containment trailer and transported it to an undisclosed, remote area for examination.

The robot was used to open the case, which was discovered to be empty.

At 11:30 a.m., a female again called Placer County offices and repeated the threat to blow up the court building because her brother was recently sentenced to state prison by a Placer County judge. The courts continued normal operations during these incidents, but sheriff's security was increased at several locations due to the new threats.

Detectives are investigating the incidents and following up on leads as to the identity of the female caller and the man from Kmart.

The Sheriff's Department wishes to remind the public to report suspicious packages immediately. It's never recommended to disturb any package or container that may contain explosives.